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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 GIDEON THOMAS BEWLEY,

13 Defendant.

Case No. CR19-009-RSL

ORDER DENYING MOTION
FOR EARLY
TERMINATION OF
SUPERVISED RELEASE

14 This matter comes before the Court on defendant's "Motion for Early Termination of
15 Supervised Release" (Dkt. # 52). Having reviewed the motion, defendant's exhibits, including
16 his letter to the Court, the opposition, and the remaining record herein, the court DENIES the
17 motion.

18 On August 22, 2019, Mr. Bewley pleaded guilty to one count of sexual abuse with a
19 minor for engaging in sexual acts with a twelve-year-old girl on multiple occasions. Dkt. # 26.
20 The Court sentenced Mr. Bewley to 48 months of imprisonment to be followed by five years of
21 supervised release. Dkt. # 48. Mr. Bewley commenced his term of supervised release on June
22 21, 2022, and his term is set to expire on or about June 21, 2027. Mr. Bewley requests early
23 termination. The Government and the United States Probation Office oppose the request given
24 that Mr. Bewley is "thriving under the Court's supervision" and would be best served by
25 carrying out the remainder of his term. Dkt. # 53.

26 After a defendant completes at least one year of the supervised release term, the Court
27 may terminate his term of supervised release "if it is satisfied that such action is warranted by
28 the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice." 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(1).

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1 Defendant's time on supervised release now exceeds one year; therefore, consideration of early
2 termination of supervised release is statutorily permissible.

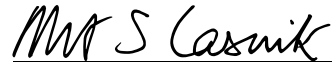
3 The Court must consider several factors in deciding whether early termination is
4 appropriate, including the nature and circumstances of the offense, the history and
5 characteristics of the defendant, the need to deter criminal conduct and protect the public from
6 further crimes, to provide the defendant with correctional treatment in the most effective
7 manner, and the need to avoid disparity among similarly situated defendants. 18 U.S.C. §
8 3583(e) (citing to factors listed by 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)); *see United States v. Emmett*, 749 F.3d
9 817, 820 (9th Cir. 2014). Early termination of supervised release should be granted only
10 “[o]ccasionally” when “changed circumstances—for instance, exceptionally good behavior by
11 the defendant or a downward turn in the defendant’s ability to pay a fine or restitution imposed
12 as conditions of release—will render a previously imposed term or condition of release either
13 too harsh or inappropriately tailored to serve the general punishment goals of section 3553(a).”
14 *United States v. Lussier*, 104 F.3d 32, 36 (2d Cir. 1997); *see also United States v. Miller*, 205
15 F.3d 1098, 1101 (9th Cir. 2000).

16 Although the Court commends defendant’s compliance with supervision, it finds that
17 early release is not warranted. The nature and circumstances of defendant’s offense were quite
18 serious, and defendant’s recent compliance with the conditions of his supervision do not render
19 continued supervision inappropriate. *United States v. Molina*, No. CR15-0383-JCC, 2021 WL
20 915140, at *1 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 10, 2021) (citing *United States v. Grossi*, 2011 WL 704364,
21 slip op. at 2 (N.D. Cal. 2011) (finding that “[m]ere compliance with the terms of supervised
22 release is what is expected, and without more, is insufficient to justify early termination”)). Mr.
23 Bewley is making meaningful strides on supervision, and he has not advanced any compelling
24 reason favoring early termination. After careful consideration of Section 3553(a) factors, and
25 absent other circumstances beyond mere compliance, the Court is unpersuaded that early
26 termination is justified.

27 For the foregoing reasons, defendant’s “Motion for Early Termination of Supervised
28 Release” (Dkt. # 52) is DENIED.

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2 DATED this 27th day of August, 2024.
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5 Robert S. Lasnik
6 United States District Judge
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